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Commissioners:

I've been an amateur radio operator since 1963 and have held an extra class license since the mid 70's. In my opinion removal of the telegraphy requirement from Amateur Radio licensing is not in the public interest at this time. It is not in fact an impediment to acquiring a license so much as a necessary qualification according to the reasoning in the paper<sup>1</sup> by Andrew Ross, ZS1AN, which I am including with this submission, rather than trying to restate it all myself. Please consider his arguments which apply as well to our country as they do to his.

Sincerely,  
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<sup>1</sup> [www.qsl.net/zs1an/morse.htm](http://www.qsl.net/zs1an/morse.htm)